

I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Number 289.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER M.C. DEIBERT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Christopher M.C. Deibert for his 23 years with St. Mary Church in South Amboy and to wish him the best of luck in his new roles as Director of Sacred Music for the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen and Diocese of Metuchen Director of Diocesan Liturgical Music.

Following his undergraduate education, Mr. Deibert focused his graduate studies in church music and organ performance at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ as well as organ and harpsichord improvisation at The Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. Additionally, Mr. Deibert has studied under Brenda A. Day, Ronald W. Thayer, Bruce Neswick, Gerre Hancock, and William Porter.

A well-renowned and respected performer and music expert, Christopher Deibert has served on many organizations, including the Middlesex Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the Diocese of Metuchen Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, and the Royal School of Church Music, among others. He also offers university lectures and teaches at a private studio, and previously served as music department chair at Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville, NJ. He continues to share his talent and love of music with the community and has received well-deserved accolades for his work.

Mr. Deibert brought his experience and talents to St. Mary Church in South Amboy, NJ, founding the Music at St. Mary's concert series in 2001, which many in the public enjoy frequenting. Throughout his tenure at St. Mary's, he has served as Director of Music and Liturgy, Executive Director of the Music at St. Mary's series and Conductor of the St. Mary Chamber Orchestra. Mr. Deibert has also performed as an organist and has conducted the St. Mary Choral Society. His musical gift has been a joy to experience and will truly be missed by St. Mary's parish and visitors like myself.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to join with the parish community of St. Mary's in thanking Christopher M.C. Deibert for his years of exceptional leadership and congratulating him on his next endeavor. I am confident that the Diocese of Metuchen and the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen will appreciate his talents and I look forward to hearing of his continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 287, YEA on Roll Call No. 288, and YEA on Roll Call No. 289.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL MICHAEL F. BRESLIN

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize the service of Colonel Michael Breslin.

Over 30 years ago, Michael began a long and storied career in the U.S. Army. Michael began his career in 1992, attending flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama, where he learned to fly the U.S. Military's premier medium lift tactical transport aircraft, the UH-60 Black Hawk. Michael then went on to serve in a myriad of commands starting at Fort Campbell and Fort Bragg, then moving to several locations in Asia and Europe—ultimately becoming the Commander of the 1-214th Aviation Regiment in May 2005, where he served until May 2007.

At the conclusion of his service with the 214th Aviation regiment, Michael went on to earn his Master of Business Administration degree from Webster University. Upon completion of his degree, he assumed the position of Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization Operations Officer, where he established Army aviation policy and ensured compliance across all mission sets and components. He also went on to plan and execute four separate team deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan to assist deployed commanders and bring back evolving tactics to follow on units. Immediately following this assignment, he served as the Commander of the 1-228th Aviation Regiment in Central America.

In 2012, Michael was assigned to the Pentagon, where he served as the Chief, Current Operations, U.S. Army Aviation G3, and was responsible for the movement of over 1,000 aircraft in and out of numerous combat zones, sequencing all redeployed aircraft to the Reset program while ensuring Commanders were adequately resourced for their mission. While serving in this capacity, Michael simultaneously managed over 300 taskings over the course of his two-year assignment.

Michael was subsequently returned home to Alabama, where he served as Director, Army Medical Evacuation Propensity, defining and articulating Aeromedical Evacuation requirements for the entire U.S. Army. He also managed all programmatic efforts to sustain and improve the aeromedical evacuation fleet of over 600 aircraft, and he successfully collaborated with over twenty different entities—centered on the training, organizing and funding of the Army medical evacuation program.

Colonel Breslin's final assignment came in 2018 as he took on the title of Assistant Dean of the U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine. In this position, he oversees fourteen programs of instruction, including 37 staff members and over 2,000 students.

After 30 years of military service, Michael began his hard-earned and well-deserved retirement on June 1, 2022. Colonel Breslin represents the best of what this country has to offer. Michael and his family have given so much over the years, and I could not be prouder to pay tribute and honor his decades of selfless, dedicated service to our country.

PAYING RESPECTS TO DAVID FINGER THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS AT THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to Dave Finger of the National Volunteer Fire Council who passed away on June 3rd following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Prior to joining the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) as its Chief of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs in 2005, Dave served as the lead staffer on first responder issues for the Research and Technology Subcommittee of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Dave worked closely with my staff and the staff of my three fellow co-chairs of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus sharing input on legislation pending before the House Science Committee that benefited our nation's fire and emergency services.

As NVFC's Chief of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Dave represented the interests of our nation's volunteer firefighters on Capitol Hill. His efforts played a critical role in the passage of federal legislation that not only advanced the health and safety of our nation's volunteer firefighters, but all firefighters and emergency services personnel.

Dave was the embodiment of collaboration. While his primary focus was always on advocating for the volunteer fire service, he understood the importance of working together with the other national fire organizations to advance a common agenda. Tributes from his colleagues expressed appreciation for his passion, integrity, and character. Cerebral in nature, he possessed a depth of knowledge and insight on the issues he championed. There was never a time when he walked into a meeting with Members of Congress or their staff unprepared; he was the consummate professional.

Dave was only forty-four when his life was cut short by cancer. He leaves behind his wife, Allison, and their two children: Vivienne, 7, and Sullivan, 2. He also leaves behind many friends and thousands of firefighters across the nation who owe him their deep gratitude for the work he performed on their behalf throughout his career.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my fellow Co-Chairs of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus, I extend my sympathies to Dave's family and to his colleagues at the National Volunteer Fire Council and throughout the fire and emergency services community for the loss of their loved one and friend.

RECOGNIZING THE TULARE-KINGS POLICE ACADEMY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Tulare-Kings Police Academy at the College of the Sequoias on its 60th anniversary.